



Legislative Update

Improving Health Care by Strengthening Medicare (now law)

Supported the "Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act" which strengthens the Medicare program for current and future beneficiaries. The package, which is estimated to provide more than \$16 billion in relief over the next 5 years, includes improvements to the Medicaid program and administrative corrections by the Administration.

HR 1554, The Satellite Home Viewers Improvements Act (now law)

Voted to address the potential cut-off of distant network signals to satellite customers. The Act gives consumers the right to receive network television programming via satellite. It will save millions of citizens in Northern California and nationwide from losing access to their local ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC stations. The Act also requires satellite providers to respect network copyrights and paves the way for new rules clarifying when satellite providers can offer network stations from far away cities, so rural customers can receive network programs without fear of losing programming again.

Across the Board Spending Reduction (now law)

Voted for an historic spending reduction to cut waste, fraud and abuse in all federal agencies. These cuts do not include Social Security, Medicare or other mandatory spending programs.

Congressman Herger Speaks to Children

Congressman Herger explains to school children about our Nation's Capitol and how laws are made, from the research of a bill to the signing of a bill at the President's desk.

H.R. 2116, The Veterans Millennium Health Care Act of 1999 (Passed House and Senate)

Voted to improve the health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. H.R. 2116 authorizes the VA to establish and pay reasonable emergency care costs to service-connected and low-income veterans who have no health insurance or other medical coverage and rely on VA care.

H.R. 10, Financial Services Modernization Act (now law)

Supported an update to sixty-year-old banking laws to enhance competition and choice. Consumers can now participate in one-stop shopping for banking, insurance, and securities. American financial firms will be able to compete globally and the new law includes the strongest privacy protections for consumers ever enacted by Congress.

Improving Our Military Readiness (now law)

Voted for defense appropriation that would replenish a hollowed-out military caused by defense cuts. The measure includes increases for military pay raises and retirement benefits.

